

The following priorities reflect the lived experience of 450 people, including people with intellectual disabilities, family members and professionals, who took part in our Pre-Budget Survey.

Cost of Disability



94%

of people reported difficulty paying the bills. The cost of living crisis is deeply affecting disabled people and their families.

- We call for a cost of disability payment of €50 per week for every disabled person, to begin to address the issues outlined in the Cost of Disability Report.
- We call for an increase of €20 per week in the disability allowance.
- We call for a fund of 10 million euro to support grants to cover expenses of people with higher support needs.
- We call for further investment in specific measures to improve access of disabled people to employment including the ability programme.

Access to Services and Supports



41%

of people cited access to services as their number one issue.

- We call for a workforce planning strategy to address the issues with access to children's therapy services.
- We call for 64 million in individualised supports for people; personal assistance and home support.
- We call for a multi-annual, fully costed plan for moving towards an inclusive education model of education. This must involve access to therapies within the school environment, costing 54 million, improving school environments and developing training for teachers and other school staff around supporting disabled children to thrive and flourish.



79%

of people with intellectual disabilities themselves said lack of appropriate supports including lack of housing support packages was the number one issue they faced in housing.

- We call for investment of 410 million euro every year for the next 5 years to tackle the housing crisis disabled people face. This includes capital and revenue cost.

Housing